(b) The information with regard to repayment of loans by women groups is not monitored separately by the Ministry. However, repayment of loans disbursed under SGSY in Bihar during 2001 -2002 was 39.20%.

(c) and (d) There is no specific report from Government of Bihar regarding problems faced in marketing of products under SGSY.

(e) The information with regard to profits earned by women groups assisted under the Scheme is not monitored by the Ministry.

Foreign Assistance for Watershed Projects in Andhra Pradesh

2900. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received proposals from the Government of Andhra Pradesh seeking foreign assistance in respect of watershed Development Projects in the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the present status of the aforesaid projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The following three proposals seeking foreign assistance in respect of watershed development programme have been received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh;

1. Project Report for Dutch assisted Watershed Programme in five districts of the State viz. Adilabad, Nizamabad, Medak, Khammam and Ranga Reddy.
2. Extension Proposal for Dutch assisted APWELL Project.
3. Project proposals for Technical Cooperation (TC) component of German assistance to watershed project.

The proposals were supported by the Ministry of Rural Development and forwarded to Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Ministry of Finance for posing to the respective donor agencies. The DEA has forwarded the above proposals to the donor agencies for consideration.